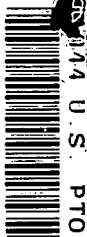


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First Inventor Robert D. Swain

Title Method of Determining Wear

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

1. ☒ Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification (including claims and abstract) [Total Pages 24]
4. ☒ Drawings [Total Sheets 5]
5. ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney [Total Pages 6]
 - a. ☐ Newly executed
 - b. ☒ Copy from prior application [Note Box 6 below]
 - i. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
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7. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
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11. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet and document(s))
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